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Amendment – A

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Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.111 and in response to the Office Action mailed March 18, 2002, the following remarks are submitted for your consideration.

In the Specification

Please **AMEND** the first full paragraph (lines 17-26) on page 57 of the Specification as filed by substituting the paragraph provided below:

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The insult solution is prepared by diluting a 10 mg/ml stock solution in phosphate-buffered saline to a working concentration of 250 µg/ml. The base of the stock solution is 50 mM NaOAcetate, pH 5.5 and 0.15 M NaCl stored at -80°C. One milligram of the stock protease insult contains 2558 USP units of trypsin and 298 USP units of chymotrypsin and is available from Specialty Enzymes, Inc. of Chino, CA. The bile acid insult solution can be prepared by dissolving 65 mg of cholic acid, 62 mg of deoxycholic acid and 31 mg of chenodeoxycholic acid in 10 ml of phosphate-buffered saline. The bile acid insult components can be purchased from Sigma Chemical Co. of St. Louis, MO. Phosphate-buffered saline, pH 7.4 (hereinafter "PBS") can be purchased from Life Technologies of Rockville, Maryland.
